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Applicant(s): Kuida et al.

Invention: CASPASE-9 DEFICIENT ANIMALS AND THE USE THEREOF

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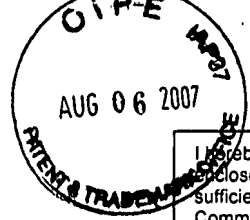
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)**

Dear Sir:

This amendment and response is filed in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action, mailed on July 11, 2007, in connection with the above application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.